



Transmission Business Line (TBL)

Business Practice

Extension For Commencement Of Service, Revision 1

Effective: November 7, 2001

This revision adds a requirement that customers must notify TBL of intent to defer service at least 60 days prior to the scheduled start date.

Please review and comment on this revision by close of business November 17, 2003. In your comments, reference the specific section on which you are commenting. Submit comments by email to: businesspractices@bpa.gov

Customer comments and BPA's Transmission Business Line's responses to those comments will be posted on or about November 24, 2003.

Background

The Bonneville Power Administration Transmission Business Line's (TBL) Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) and deferred service procedures allow a transmission customer to defer the commencement date for transmission service by paying a non-refundable reservation fee. TBL requires written notice of a customer's intent to defer service at least 60 days prior to the existing contract commencement date for transmission service. However, if a customer that has deferred service extends its original service commencement date as set forth in its Point-to-Point (PTP) Transmission Service Agreement, such customer will be subject to bumping and matching procedures if a completed application in Bonneville's Open Access Same Time Information System's (OASIS) Long-Term Firm Transmission Request Queue can be satisfied only by releasing all or a part of such customer's reserved capacity. In this case, TBL will notify the customer that has deferred service that it has the option to either 1) release all or that part of its reserved capacity that is needed to satisfy the competing request; or 2) begin paying the full monthly charge for service beginning with the service commencement date included in the competing request. If the customer fails to provide TBL written notice of the option it has chosen within 30 days of TBL's notice, the amount of its Reserved Capacity needed to satisfy the competing request will be released.

Section 17.7 of the BPA Open Access Transmission Tariff States:

"The Transmission Customer can obtain up to five (5) one-year extensions for the commencement of service. The Transmission Customer may postpone service by paying a non-refundable annual reservation fee equal to one-month's charge for Firm Transmission Service for each year or fraction thereof. If during any extension for the commencement of service an Eligible Customer submits a Completed Application for Firm Transmission Service, and such request can be satisfied only by releasing all or part of the Transmission Customer's Reserved Capacity, the original Reserved Capacity will be released unless the following condition is satisfied. Within thirty (30) days, the original Transmission Customer agrees to pay the Firm Point-To-Point transmission rate for its Reserved Capacity concurrent with the new Service Commencement Date. In

the event the Transmission Customer elects to release the Reserved Capacity, the reservation fees or portions thereof previously paid will be forfeited.”

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“Bumping” and “matching” procedures only apply after (1) a customer that has deferred service extends an already “contracted for” service commencement date as set forth in the transmission customer’s PTP transmission service agreement, and (2) a completed application for long-term firm transmission service in Bonneville’s queue can be satisfied only by releasing all or part of the transmission customer’s reserved capacity. TBL will notify, in writing, the customer that has deferred service of the need to choose an alternative when bumping and matching procedures apply, i.e., 1) Release all reserved service capacity, 2) Payment of the full monthly charge, or 3) Partial release. That reserved capacity will be released unless the transmission customer agrees to pay, within thirty (30) days, the long-term firm point-to-point transmission rate for its reserved capacity beginning with the date of the competing transmission request. If the transmission customer does not respond to TBL’s notification, by default the transmission customer with deferred service will be held to have released that amount of its reserved capacity that is necessary to satisfy the competing request. In the event the transmission customer elects to release all or a portion of the reserved capacity, the previously paid reservation fees or portions thereof will be forfeited to the Transmission Provider.

Reservation Fees

Bonneville will continue to charge all customers, who request that transmission service begin more than one (1) year from the application request date, a non-refundable reservation fee for each year or fraction thereof for deferred service (as set forth in Bonneville’s 2002 Transmission and Ancillary Service Rate Schedules including the General Rate Schedule Provisions). Customers will still be allowed to defer the commencement of service for up to a total five (5) years from the date of the original request for such service.

Revision History: